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Gallery under the gun

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

If you don't want the grant money, we will give it to someone else.

That was the basic message presented to Minden Hills council from a SuperBuild representative last Thursday.

"It's your project, it's not our project," Guy Madore told council. "No one is telling you to do it or not to do it. The point is, if it's not going to go forward, that money is going to be relocated."

The money in question is the $104,000 joint-government grant given through the Sports, Culture, and Tourism Partnership (SCTP) for the expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

The grant came with the condition that local council contribute an additional $52,000 and that the project move ahead as soon as possible.

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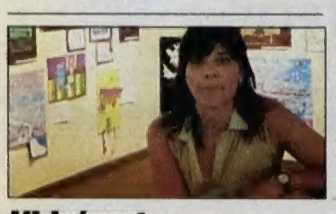

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Talk of the town

Christine Wereszczakowski gives her dear friend Joan Featherstone a big kiss. "We will be the talk of the town," she says delightedly. For more about the Red Hatters, see page 13.

Confusion reigns during council protocol debate

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Amid much confusion and debate, Minden Hills council passed a series of resolutions increasing the wages of its non-unionized employees by 2.5 per cent.

The debate began after the first of several wage increase resolutions was brought to the table.

Councillor Ron Buchanan asked that the matter be deferred to closed session of council because another councillor wished to add something to the discussion and since the matter was an issue of personnel, it should be discussed in private.

He then indicated, with a hand gesture, that the councillor in question was Ingram Wessell.

Councillor Peter Oyler made the motion to defer to an "in camera" session and the motion was passed.

This sparked a debate among councillors as to whether all the following resolutions regarding personnel matters should be deferred.

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Council dragging its feet on gallery

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The grant was awarded to the Cultural Centre in January of 2003, but council has been dragging its feet in fulfilling its part of the bargain.

Madore was requesting two commitments from council: a resolution committing the $52,000, and a start date to the project. He wants to hear progress on the project by the end of June.

In his letter to Laurie Carmount, gallery administrator, Madore wrote, "There are a number of specific concerns with your project that must be addressed."

One of his concerns, which he also presented before council, was the lack of support and commitment that Minden Hills township has shown for the project.

In his presentation, Madore made it clear that government grants for cultural projects do not come around often.

"The reality is, there hasn't been a fund like this since 1995," he said. "You make your own judgment as to when the next opportunity will come along."

He added that the majority of the money coming from government will be targeted to repairing and constructing roads, as well as investing in clean water.

"There may be some of this type of funding, but the pot will be small," he said.

One reason for the delay is that some councillors are concerned over where the rest of the money will come from to fund the total cost of the project.

Carmount says that some funds will come through other grants; contributions, and fundraising. But ultimately, she says, the building is council's responsibility.

"The collection of André Lapine paintings are their responsibility to ensure they are appropriately cared for," she said in an interview. "And they're not right now."

Legally, if council passes a resolution giving the gallery expansion a go-ahead, the municipality would be on the hook for the money not raised by the Cultural Centre.

In January, council decided to decline Quinan Construction's bid to build the expansion and asked the gallery committee to investigate other funding options before the matter would be discussed again in July.

But now, with the SuperBuild money in jeopardy, the committee was hoping that council would reconsider its previous timeline and begin looking at the project again as soon as possible.

After Madore's presentation, members of the gallery committee sat in the benches at the council chambers, hoping for a decision that would finally allow them to proceed with the project. They left disappointed.

Much to everyone's frustration, it took council more than 20 minutes of debating to finally table a resolution just to reopen discussion regarding the expansion.

To further add to the frustration and confusion, two councillors chose to vote against the resolution despite the fact that other councillors at the table were already discussing the gallery.

The resolution to reopen the discussion was just part of the procedure, since on January 29 council had voted to effectively close all discussion until July.

Councillor Cheryl Murdoch attempted numerous times to convince council to vote on a decision to move ahead with the project soon.

"These people have waited a long, long time for an answer," she said. "As far as I'm concerned, we should make our decision in the next few weeks."

But Councillor Clayton Cameron seemed content with waiting until July as originally intended.

"I don't feel we were out of line with our previous decision," he said.

Reeve Ross Rigney was the only other council member who voiced his agreement with Murdoch.

"There can be no effective fundraising until we have a project," he said.

The issue of fundraising sparked further debates around the table. Cameron said that a solid commitment in fundraising grants would make the decision to go ahead with the project a lot easier.

"It would help me greatly as a councillor to know there is funding out there," he said. "Right now we don't know."

His comment caused groans from gallery committee members and Carmount stood up to clarify the issue of fundraising for council.

"Our hands are tied," she said, referring to the fact that without council's support of a project the committee has nothing to sell to fundraisers. She added that because of the tight time constraints, the committee is not expecting any other answers in the next month.

Since January, Carmount has received positive responses from two grant organizations with a total fundraising commitment of $15,000. The McLean Foundation gave $10,000 towards the project, while the local Rotary Club committed $5,000.

The Cultural Centre Foundation, the centre's fundraising arm, believes it can raise at least $40,000, but is still waiting for a charitable number to be able to issue receipts.

The project, it seems, is stuck in a Catch-22: the gallery can get no funding without a commitment from council, and council refuses to make a commitment until the gallery gets more funding.

Although the resolution to commit the $52,000 to the project was defeated, it was later passed with the budget, since the money had already been allocated.

By allocating the money, council fulfilled the first part of Madore's request.

A third resolution, directing staff to investigate contract bids for the expansion and report back to council in the Committee of the Whole meeting in May, is a way of getting the ball rolling again.

Bob Romberg, the township's building manager, said that they will be asking the two contractors that came in with the lowest bids in January to update their quotes.

This will give council a better idea of how much money this project will cost and whether it will be feasible to fund it alongside the $1.4 million municipal building expansion.

The question mark still hanging over council is the $161,000 the previous council committed to the project.

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Enjoy a nice Bowl of Think

The Archie Stouffer Elementary School Think Bowl team were a force to be reckoned with as they captured first for the juniors/intermediates (from left): Erin Pottier, Kaitlin Allore, Katie Findeis, and Tara O'Sullivan. The seniors didn't fare as well, placing fourth: Coral Pratt, Jessica Pottier and Mitch Vanderlip. Marcus Hewitt was absent. Coached by Teressa Johnston, the team practised for more than a month using previous year's problems. This year they were faced with identifying challenges facing the health of children for proper development and to devise solutions to resolve their (first completing a booklet and then presenting a skit, illustrating the resolution).

Council drawing on reserves for tax decrease

CAO urges councillors to carefully consider financial situation

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

In order to give Minden Hills residents a bigger tax decrease, council will be drawing on more dollars from reserves.

During last week's meeting, council adopted a budget that will lower the tax rate for 2004 by 4.8 per cent, but will leave the municipal reserves a lot lighter.

CAO Gerry Morrison urged council to consider saving even more money from the reserves by not giving taxpayers such a big break this year.

"I think this would show leadership by the municipal council for we would be in a much stronger position financially if unforeseen expenditures were to appear on our plates without warning," he wrote to council in a memo.

The tax rate is calculated based on three factors: the education rate provided by the provincial government, the county tax rate, and the tax rate set by local council.

This year, the education rate is decreasing by 11.64 per cent and the county tax rate has been lowered by 11.31 per cent.

That both are decreasing in the same year is a rare occurrence, Morrison said, adding that council should take advantage by using the lower rates to increase its own portion of the tax bill without driving up the overall rate.

If council had followed Morrison's advice, the municipal rate would rise 8.7 per cent, while the overall rate – because of lowered county and education rates – would still decrease by 3.5 per cent.

The downside of his plan is, of course, that Minden Hills residents would see a smaller tax cut. But the upside, he said, is that the municipality would not have to dip into its reserves to finance increasing costs in landfill management.

He further indicated that if costs for landfills decrease in 2005, which he expects they will, the municipality would have an additional $230,000 in the budget to finance other projects or expenses.

"But if you pull money from the reserve, then you won't have that to spend," he said.

Council, however, could not stomach raising municipal taxes by 8.7 per cent.

Even Councillor Ingram Wessell, whose mantra throughout the whole budget process was 'save the reserves' did not vote for Morrison's option.

Instead, council chose to go a slightly more conservative route.

In a 5-1 decision, council voted for 'scenario 4' which increases the municipal tax rate by a more modest 5.2 per cent, while lowering the overall rate by 4.8 per cent.

In this case, the municipality still dips into its reserves to finance landfill costs, but leaves an extra $100,000 untouched.

Councillor Clayton Cameron remained opposed to the idea of raising the municipal rate by more than three per cent.

He voted for 'scenario one,' which would give taxpayers a tax reduction of 5.87 per cent and raise the municipal tax share by a mere 2.56 per cent.

Cameron says his vote was based on rising assessment values.

The lowered education rate from the provincial government was meant to offset those assessment values, he said, adding that it wasn't fair to use other government tax decreases as an excuse to raise the municipal rate.

"We are responsible for what happens in Minden Hills, not what happens in other parts of the government," said Cameron.

"If you take the reserves out, you are not trying to work for Minden Hills," Wessell answered him.

Eventually, council narrowed down its choices to scenario one and scenario four, with the main issue debated around the table being the value of taking additional reserves to give taxpayers a greater decrease over that of conserving reserves for future use.

"The more you take out of reserves, the more you put your projects in jeopardy," said Councillor Cheryl Murdoch, who voted for scenario four.

Wessell agreed, saying that "You don't ever repay (into the reserve) what you take out."

Reeve Ross Rigney and Councillor Ron Buchanan both voted for scenario four, although Buchanan was ready to support Morrison's suggestion of scenario three.

Oyler, who flip-flopped between options one and four throughout the whole debate, ended by putting his vote with the majority.

"I would love to vote for option one," he said. "But I can't."

Mary Jane Irwin, the township's treasurer, assured council that even by taking out a total of $315,000 from reserves – which scenario four calls for – the municipality's reserves are still more than adequate. In fact, she says an additional $127,000 from various sources is being put into the reserves this year.

What will the tax rate mean for the average taxpayer?

If your property tax assessment has remained the same as last year, you can expect a decrease in taxes of 4.8 per cent. For a homeowner assessed at $100,000, that means a savings of $45.68.

However, if your assessment has gone up, then the tax decrease may not necessarily mean a decrease in your taxes. The average property assessment increase this year is 13 per cent.

Drivers seem to be buckling up and getting the seatbelt message: OPP

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police took part in the province-wide seatbelt campaign from April 16 to 24. During the campaign, a total of 585 vehicles were checked, resulting in seven seatbelt charges and seven warnings.

"The goal is 95 per cent compliance [with the seatbelt law], and I think we're doing pretty good in that regard," said OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli.

He said the number of fatalities was down last year while the number of accidents remained at about the same level. He said that indicates that seatbelt compliance contributes to higher survival rates. "Seat belts have made a difference," he said.

It'll cost you more to burn, tip and flush

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Fees for 2004 services in Minden Hills are going up.

Council passed all proposed fee changes for the upcoming year and did so with no public opposition.

The public meeting, held to discuss the reasons for the proposed changes, drew no objections from residents in the community.

The only comment came in a letter asking council to postpone making a decision regarding tipping fees at landfill sites because of the possibility of a new recycling facility opening up in the area soon.

Council decided that the by-law can later be amended to reflect those changes if they come about.

Despite the lack of attendance at the public meeting, Reeve Ross Rigney read out the reasons for the changes anyway, giving councillors a chance to make comments and to discuss.

The only objection from council came with regard to the daytime burning permits which, once free, will now cost residents $50. (Burning is free if you don't burn between two hours after sunrise to two hours before sunset.)

Councillor Ingram Wessell raised the objection, saying he didn't like the idea of charging people for burning and couldn't understand why the township was proposing it.

He was then told by Rigney that the fees would mostly apply for commercial use, since it is mostly businesses that burn during daytime hours.

"So a regular person wouldn't need a permit," Wessell asked.

The township's treasurer, Mary Jane Irwin, answered that, in fact, everyone who wants to burn during daytime hours would need to purchase the $50 permit.

The by-law to accept the fees later passed without objections.

The new fees and reasons given for the change are as follows:

• Burning permits are required for anyone wishing to do outdoor burning such as burning piled wood, brush, leaves or discarded wood products during the fire season from April 1 to October 21. Daytime refers to two hours after sunrise to two hours before sunset.

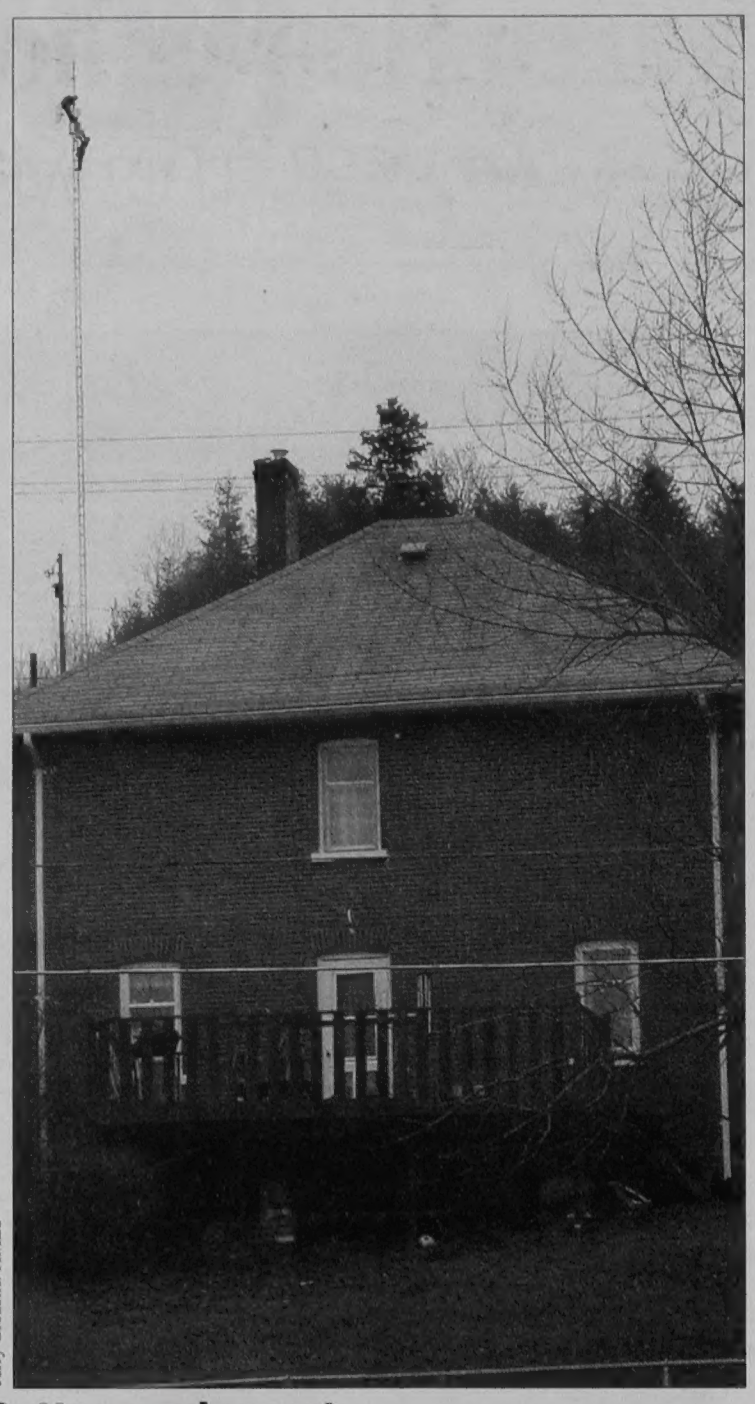
Reason for change: to help offset the costs for issuing the permits, as well as the cost of enforcing the law if required.

• As of June 1, tipping fees will increase for construction, household, and commercial waste from $10.00 per cubic yard to $20.00. All upholstered furniture, box springs and carpets will increase to $10.00 per item. The allowance of bags per household is also changing from five a day, to three a week, with each additional bag costing $1.

Reason for change: increasing fees are directly related to the operating and monitoring costs for landfill sites, including consultant fees, MOE Regulations, landfill attendant contract fees and contractor fees for bulldozing and covering waste.

• The water rates for residential use are increasing by $50, and rates for sewer use are going up by $35. Commercial rates are being increased in both the flat rate and the per cubic metre rate.

Reasons for change: increasing costs to operate the water and sewer systems. The Ontario Clean Water Agency has increased its fees due to the new regulations passed down from the MOE. The municipality's infrastructure is aging and monies have to be put into a reserve fund to offset large capital costs for the replacement of piping, pumping equipment, and buildings.



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Karen Hoover honoured with Rotary award

Club's Workplace Pride award given for overall excellence on the job

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Karen Hoover, office manager of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, was the recipient of the Minden Rotary Club's Workplace Pride Award. The award was presented at a recent Rotary Club meeting at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

The selection committee was impressed with the nomination submission by Trails and Tours Executive Director Lindsay Elder.

"In my short 10 months as executive director for the network, Karen has impressed me at every turn," Elder said in her submission. "Karen came to work with Trails and Tours as a volunteer, then a part-time employee and now full time. She is much appreciated by me, our volunteers and our Board and Executive Directors," Elder said. "Karen puts in tireless hours making sure the network meets its commitments and answers the needs of the many user groups involved with Trails. From answering the many phone and e-mail enquiries with a happy face and in a timely fashion to managing our volunteers, sitting on committees and organizing workshops, Karen stays at work many late nights to ensure a job well done. Karen never complains, regularly exceeds expectations and is an all-around pleasure to work with.

"I have worked in many different environments and with many individuals and must say that working with Karen at Trails and Tours is the best yet - due in no small part to the professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication she brings to her job every day."

Jeanne Anthon, past president of the Minden Rotary Club and current secretary, presented the certificate to Hoover.

"Each year, the Rotary Club of Minden seeks to recognize local persons who excel in the quality of their work, attendance, performance, willingness to accept additional responsibilities plus public relations skills," Anthon said. "This search is advertised in the *Minden Times* and employees are asked to recommend winners."

Karen Hoover was born in Listowel, Ontario and grew up on a dairy farm. She has a Forestry diploma from Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay and an Eco-tourism Management Degree from the Haliburton Campus of SSFC. She has worked at Algonquin Park and her hobbies include hiking, biking and paddling.

Jean Anthon and Bill Obee of the Minden Rotary Club present Karen Hoover with the club's annual Workplace Pride Award. Hoover is the manager of the Trails and Tours Network.

"Our club is pleased to recognize Karen as the 2004 Workplace Pride Award winner, Anthon said.

I'm honoured and thrilled to receive this award," Hoover said. It's a joy to work with the people of Trails and Tours."

Along with the certificate, the Rotary Club of Minden will make a donation to the charity of Hoover's choice.

Outdoors author to speak at Writers' Network

by ARLENE JOHNSTON
Special to The Times

Jim Poling Sr., well known author of *The Canoe, Tom Thomson: The Life and Mysterious Death of the Famous Canadian Painter, The Decoy,* and *Lights in Dark Forests*, will be guest speaker at the next Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network breakfast.

Poling specializes in outdoor themes and is a frequent contributor to *Cottage Life, Ontario Out of Doors* and a variety of other magazines and newspapers.

Everyone is welcome to attend on Saturday, May 15, at 9 a.m., in the Kinmount Room of the Delta Pinestone Resort.

Reservations are essential. Contact Marjorie Green at 286-2592 by May 12. The cost is $13 for HHWEN members and $16 for anyone wanting to reserve a seat.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, I would like to thank all of our community partners for the excellent work done on behalf of HHHS during the Mock Evaluation exercises at HHHS in Minden and Haliburton on April 22nd and 28th.

The HHHS was accredited in May 2003 through the Canadian Council of Accreditation Services and recommended that we conduct site evacuations at both facilities. The evacuation exercise also supports our community partners, requirements as part of a county-wide Disaster Plan.

Special thanks go to Peter Fearrey for taking the lead in this important exercise, and to our community partners including the OPP, Emergency Medical Services (ambulance) and Dispatch, Halcom Communications, the Volunteer Fire Departments throughout Haliburton County, Dan Marsden and students from HHSS (who acted the part of the patients and residents), Haliburton & Minden Hospital Auxiliaries, the Red Cross, Access Centre, VCRS Laidlaws, Riverview Furniture and Churko Furniture for transporting supplies and equipment, and to Minden and Haliburton municipal councils.

Commendations go to the HHHS staff, and coordinators under the excellent leadership of Darcy Burke. The evacuations were very well organized and steps were taken to ensure business went on as usual with as little interruption to residents, patients, and visitors, as possible.

We appreciate the public's cooperation and apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Decisions loom large

Will the Agnes Jamieson Gallery expansion go ahead as planned? That is a question Minden Hills council will be forced to answer sooner than it had hoped.

SuperBuild representative Guy Madore issued an ultimatum at the April 29 Minden Hills council meeting. He told councillors that if they didn't make up their minds to commit municipal funding to the expansion project, SuperBuild would reallocate the $104,000 it had committed to the project. The SuperBuild grant was issued with the express provision that the municipality contribute a minimum of $52,000 and that the project be started as soon as possible. That was more than a year ago - January of 2003.

Architectural drawings were prepared and tenders called. But the submitted bids were higher than the municipality anticipated and council was unwilling to accept the responsibility for additional costs of the project. The previous council had been willing to invest $161,000 in the project, but the current council can't agree on whether or not it is obligated to honour that commitment.

As the foot-dragging continued, costs have undoubtedly increased. Tenders that were submitted several months ago may no longer be valid. Bidders can't be expected to absorb the increased cost in materials.

Funding for this type of project is unlikely to be available again in the foreseeable future. With the government focusing its attention on more pressing matters such as clean water, education, healthcare, and other priorities (we hope), money for cultural expansion will continue to become scarcer. The window of opportunity to keep this "cultural windfall" is small. Madore wants council's decision by the end of June.

"The reality is there hasn't been a fund like this since 1995. You make your own judgement as to when the next opportunity will come along," Madore told council. "There may be some of this type of funding, but the pot will be small."

Community support for the project has been strong, with several thousand dollars committed to the project by organizations and individuals. That support isn't enough, it apears, to ease the minds of some councillors that the community will be able to raise sufficient money to ensure that council won't be left holding the bag and scratching to pay the expansion bills.

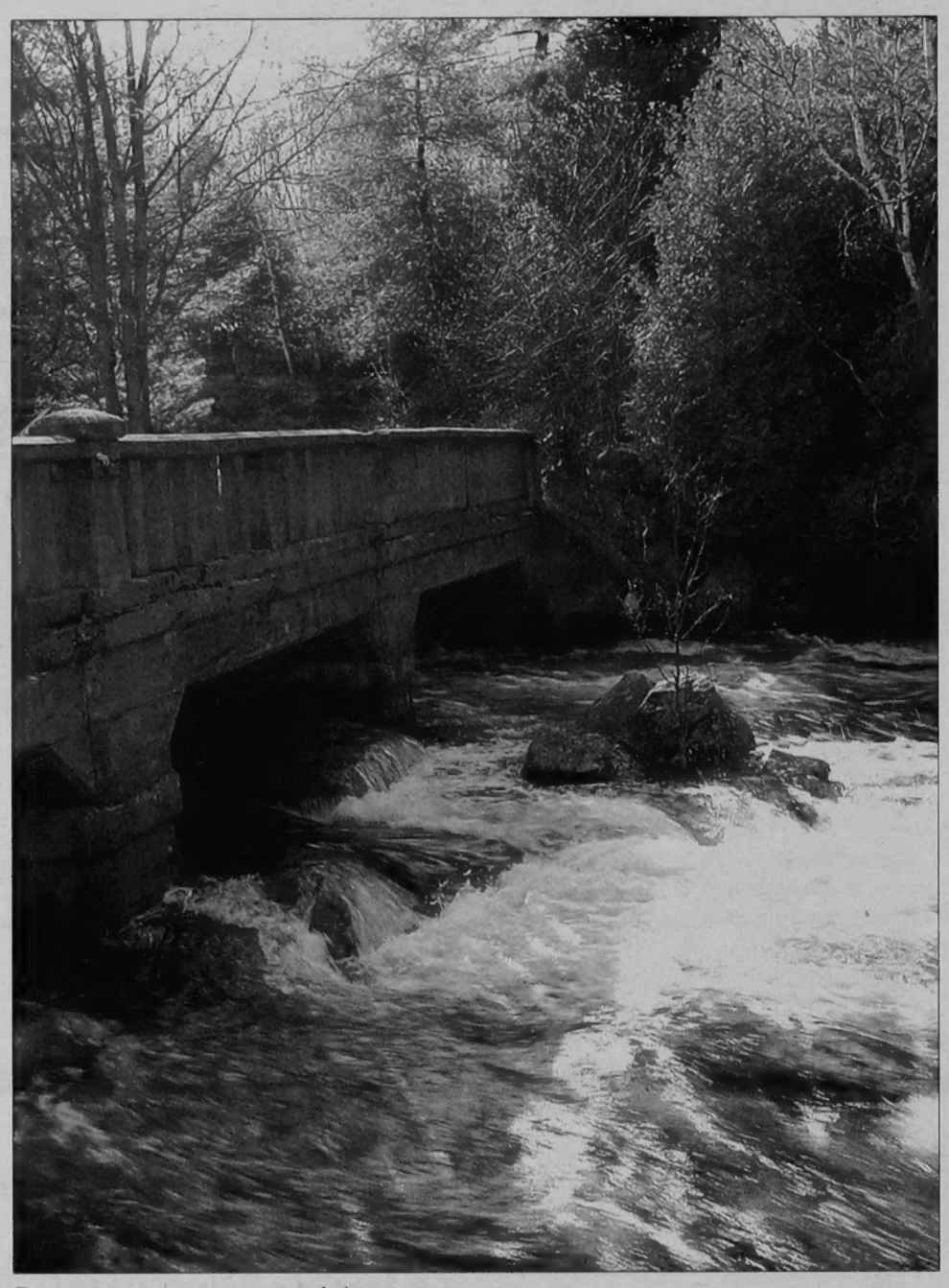
Two questions remain. One, can the gallery secure more money through donations and other fundraising initiatives without the support of council? And two, will council lend its support without more commitments from the community to help pay for the project?

If Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney has his way, the project will go forward. Does he pull enough weight to sway the majority of council to support the gallery expansion?

The sad part of this whole situation is the fact that the Agnes Jamieson Gallery has the most extensive collection of Andre Lapine paintings in existence and it remains without a climate-controlled environment in which to exhibit them. If those paintings can't be exhibited, or even stored, in an environment where they won't deteriorate, the only appropriate option may be to turn them over to a gallery where they can be cared for properly.

We don't think Agnes Jamieson had that in mind when she made her bequest to the municipality in support of the arts. Nor do the volunteers and gallery supporters who have worked so hard to make an expansion of the facility a reality.

Will this council be remembered for passing on an opportunity to expand the municipality's cultural horizon? We'll know by the end of June. **– jg**



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Bethel Church Road bridge — Photo by DARREN LUM/Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Quality eye care important

To the Editor

I have noticed that *The Times* has carried a number of stories about the Ontario government's handling of the healthcare file. These stories have focused mainly on hospitals, doctors and nurses and have left out another key player in the healthcare family – optometrists. Recently, 500 optometrists from all across Ontario took the drastic step of rallying at Queen's Park to tell the McGuinty government that it was putting patient eye care at risk.

With our aging population, ensuring quality eye care will become even more important over the next decade. I have a real fear that patient care is going to suffer because the amount the government pays for eye examinations performed by optometrists has not changed in more than 15 years. This funding freeze has created a crisis situation for optometrists with respect to acquiring and maintaining the specialized instrumentation necessary to provide the appropriate quality of eye care. The 15 year freeze is further exacerbated by skyrocketing overhead and inflationary costs.

Our provincial association, the Ontario Association of Optometrists, has been trying to work with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to find a solution to this problem. But negotiations broke off a number of months ago, when optometrists asked that a mediator be brought in to resolve this situation, and it has not heard from the government on the negotiations since. In fact, Ontario optometrists have been working without a funding agreement with the government for more than four years.

As a practising optometrist in this community, I feel that this crisis can be averted by the government recognizing the important role eye care plays as part of the overall healthcare continuum. The government is willing to sit down, negotiate and provide funding increases to doctors, nurses and hospitals. Why are they willing to put patient eye care in jeopardy by refusing to be fair and come up with a mediated settlement with Ontario's optometrists?

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Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Performance anxiety

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Last April, in London England, an epic piece of performance art ended. Called *Reading One Million Years*, the event featured a group of artists taking turns reciting numbers through a megaphone while standing in a glass box.

Of course, it's far more complicated than that. The performance is based on 20 leather bound books called *One Million Years (Past)* and *One Million Years (Future)*. The former volume lists every year from 998,031 BC to 1969 AD. The latter (my personal favourite) takes the reader on a whirlwind journey from 1981 AD to 1,001,980 AD. There is nothing written about what happened in the year, mind you, just the name of the year itself. Even so, I found the 540,000s particularly thought-provoking.

In London, however, 16 artists only performed excerpts of the piece from 983,796 to 873,501 BC and 19,156 to 126,500 AD. Though it was simply a fraction of the whole saga, it was riveting stuff.

Now, maybe I'm not so cultured but when we were kids my brother and I would do this sort of thing merely to annoy our sister. In fact, I believe I wrote from the dialogue from one to 897 on one hot summer's day.

This has me thinking, however, that maybe I'm far more artistic than I give myself credit for. Maybe I wasn't tormenting my sister so much as I was inadvertently making art for the masses. Frankly, in retrospect, I'm astounded by my own creative genius.

With this in mind, I've written a play entitled *alpha-noir* (note the artsy use of lower case). In it, I will have 52 classically trained performance artists recite the alphabet in upper and lower case while eating crayons. I'm hoping to adapt it to a Hollywood screenplay.

On the big screen, I envision Angelina Jolie performing the leading role of the letter A. Marlon Brando is perfect for the brooding intimacy required by Q. And, maybe it's too obvious, but Calista Flockhart is a shoo-in for lower-case *i*. I believe the project to be commercially viable and, maybe I'm jumping the gun here, but I see a screenwriting Oscar in my future.

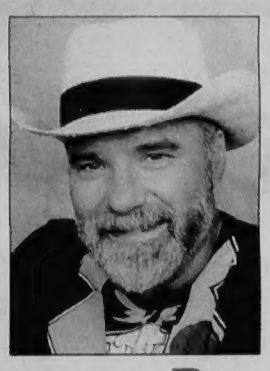
I'm sure no one is surprised that there's already a buzz in Tinseltown. Word is, Steven Seagal's agent's sister-in-law might call hinting that the actor is perfect for a cameo appearance as upper case *U*. But who is she trying to kid? Seagal doesn't have the depth to tackle that role.

Of course, before my epic dazzles the multitudes on the big screen, I'm looking for a local cast for the Minden debut. I need to work out some of the dialogue. If you're interested, I'd encourage you to show up at the *Times* office in full costume (black turtle neck, goatee, and shaved head. Please note that the goatee is optional for women.)

Of primary importance is the fact that you must be able to stand inside the "set" which I envision to be a huge cardboard box, symbolizing the cheapness of society. On it, I'll have a few of the very letters used in the script, particularly the deeply symbolic MAYTAG and THIS SIDE UP, the former a clever reference to man's loneliness and the latter an instruction dissertation on the miracle of conception. By the way, if you have a severe crayon allergy, this may not be the role for you.

Sound exciting? Well, here's just a taste of the gritty dialogue you'll work with: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and ... well, if you want to hear the rest, you're just going to have to show up at the audition.

Seemed like a great idea at the time



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

I don't ask much from life. I don't expect the stretch limos, flotillas of groupies, or a wallet full of thousand-dollar bills to light my Cohiba panatelas. I have no interest in becoming Lord Black of the Millpond, a guest on the Tonight Show or of winning that Lottery for Life – a red velvet bunk in the Canadian Senate.

No, I only have one unrequited desire: to have, in my lifetime, One Great Idea.

Is that so much to ask? Archimedes got his revelation in a bathtub. Newton got his under an apple tree. Einstein brainstormed "E equals MC squared" at his blackboard, and we can guess where Thomas Crapper was sitting when he got his inspiration to invent the flush toilet.

One great idea. That's all I ask for. I'm not trying to be a Thomas Edison, filing a thousand patents for everything from phonographs to light bulbs. I just want one.

I thought I had it back in Grade Seven. I remember almost nodding off at my desk while the teacher droned on about The Rebellion of 1837. "Upper Canada was a tiny colony," he was saying, "not like the country of 15 million (hey, it was a long time ago) that we live in today."

And I fell to doodling at my desk. Fifteen million … let's see … that would be 15 … followed by six zeros. Imagine if I could persuade every Canadian to mail me … one penny.

That would put 15 million pennies in my piggy bank. Or put another way, I'd have $150,000! Which was a fortune, back when I was a kid.

And that was as close as I ever got to a Great Idea. The Achilles heel that fatally hobbled my breakthrough concept was the fact that I couldn't think of a compelling argument to convince my fellow citizens to start mailing their pennies to me. My bombshell brainwave died a-borning.

I admit, it sounds kinda lame a half-century later, but great ideas don't have to be blockbusters. Somebody invented the safety pin. Others came up with the ballpoint pen and the paper clip. Small items, but great ideas all the same.

And it's not like it's hard to get a patent even for a lame idea. Paul Hanson of St. Paul, Minnesota just obtained a U.S. patent for his all-new method of treating heart-related chest pain.

Hanson's solution: just drink limeade – but from concentrate. That's it – Hanson's Great Idea in a nutshell. He says it worked for him and the U.S. Patent Office was sufficiently impressed. Impressed enough to grant Hanson patent # 6,457,474.

I think Michael Nelson's idea had a more obvious aura of greatness about it. Nelson recently opened a law office in suburban Orlando, Florida, leased himself a company car (Mercedes), printed up some toney-looking letterhead stationery listing all his law partners and began soliciting business from the families of convicted drug traffickers.

Did very well, too until a radio station investigated and found out that Nelson's law partners didn't exist and Nelson was not a lawyer. As a matter of fact Nelson was himself a felon, serving time for bank-fraud. He could only 'practice' during the day as he had to return to a half-way house each night. As near as investigators could figure Nelson made "several hundred thousand dollars" before he was nabbed. Not surprisingly, Nelson's half-way house privileges have been revoked.

Still, Great Ideas don't have to be crooked and they don't have to involve lawyers (but I repeat myself). Take Dennis Hope of Gardnerville, Nevada. For the past 23 years, Mister Hope has operated a real estate company, selling lots to interested customers.

But not in Nevada. Not even in North America. Not even on this planet. Mister Hope sells land … on the moon. Business has been so good that he's expanding. He'll now sell you choice lots on Mars and Venus as well. Going price: $20 an acre.

How good is business? Very. Hope reckons he makes about $270,000 US a year.

And it's legal. It's based on something Mister Hope learned in school as a kid. Back when I was doodling through my history lesson, Dennis Hope was paying attention. He heard his teacher say that, while the international Space Treaty of 1967 prohibits nations from owning celestial bodies, it doesn't say anything about individual ownership.

Hope says "I even wrote to the United Nations explaining my plan and asking if they had a problem with it. Nobody ever wrote back."

But that was 23 years and $6.5 million ago. Great Idea, Mister Hope.

Use the residents

To the Editor:

It really bothers me and my common law spouse that when they did the mock evacuations at the nursing homes that they would use students.

His mother is a resident at Hyland Crest and would have felt much better about the mock evacuation if they had used the residents rather than students.

They would get a better idea of how long it would take if the residents were taken out instead of students.

Yes, the students were supposed to act like the residents. It took them more than an hour to move students but I really think that they should redo the evacuations with the residents because it will take longer because of the fact that the residents either can't move very fast or they can't move at all without a wheelchair or assistance.

The weather has been great, use the residents.

Kim Mason,
Minden.

Weather with Phil

It seemed April was cold and wet but really it was just about same as last April. The average temperature was slightly warmer than last April. The precipitation was higher than last April. There was heavy rain on the 25th. Tornado season is ahead of us. Keep an eye on the sky and an ear on the radio and TV. Let's hope May will be warmer.

Average high	11.3°C	52.3°F
Average low	-2.6°C	27.3°F
Average for month	4.3°F	39.7°F
Average for last April	3.4°C	38.1°F
Highest temperature April 29	26°C	78.8°F
Lowest temperature April 6	11.5°C	11.3°F
Rain	80.9 mm	3.1in.
Snow	4.0 cm	1.5 in.
Total precipitation	84.9mm	3.3 in.
River temperature		
Snow on ground April 30		none
Snow on ground last April		0
Total snowfall Nov.1 to April 30	172 cm	67.9 in.
Days mostly sunny		14
Days with snow or rain		13
Days with thunderstorms		3
Days with freezing rain		1

– Phil Graham.

'No favourites here,' township CAO says in wake of debate

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Reeve Ross Rigney was against the idea, saying that council already had the opportunity to discuss the issues in a closed session two weeks ago and had all agreed on the resolutions now presented before council.

The motion to defer the second resolution was defeated.

Eventually, Oyler withdrew his first motion for deferral, saying that if council was going to deal with one resolution, none of them should be deferred.

Council went on to pass all resolutions with little discussion.

CAO Gerry Morrison, who felt that council members were hinting that preferential treatment was being given to some employees, stood up during the debate to speak on behalf of his fellow workers.

"There are no favourites here," he said. "The increase is based on a grid system."

In an interview after the meeting, Morrison said he was angered that issues of personnel were brought up during an open session of council.

"Council met two weeks prior – in camera – and discussed all those issues," he said. "I was very upset that any member of council would comment in relation to personnel matters in public."

The increase to non-unionized employees, which includes managers and department heads, was in line with what was awarded to all union personnel in the beginning of 2004, Morrison said.

In addition to the 2.5 per cent increase, Morrison said he also made some requests of the personnel committee regarding certain individuals that he felt were stepping up and performing exceptionally well.

"I asked that they receive more than 2.5 per cent," he said. "It is for additional responsibilities that people have taken on. To give them some recognition."

It never became clear what issue the councillors were disputing, but it was apparent that the unresolved problem had carried over from a previous closed-door session.

Rigney said this kind of debate was part of the council process.

"You can't say we aren't democratic," he said.

The wage increases, which included non-unionized employees such as the roads superintendent, the deputy clerk, the environment manager, the chief building official, and the administrative assistant, are expected to take effect shortly.

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HHHS Foundation raised $438,841 last year

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation enjoyed an excellent year in terms of fundraising. By the Foundation's year end - March 31 - the total amount raised for the year was $438,841. Executive Director Dale Walker says that $290,000 was transferred to the capital loan, reducing the balance to $1,295,727.

"Thank you to everyone and we look forward to your continuing support for your health care facilities," she said at the April meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board.

She told the board there are some great things happening in 2004.

Highlights

"We have seven outstanding estates with a total of about $80,000," she said. "We still have outstanding pledges of $130,000 and life insurance policies designated to the Foundation in the amount of $240,000. These future gifts are very important to us. Many thanks to the donors for their planning in this regard.

"Thank you to the many families who think of the foundation when their family members and loved ones pass away. These gifts amounted to $39,000 this past year. We are pleased that so many people use our tribute cards for memorial donations and special occasions."

The Rotary Charity Golf Classic is almost at capacity of golfers for the morning golf only. The foundation has $11,000 in corporate and individual sponsors and Walker reports that the list continues to grow.

The Deck and Dock will feature guest speaker John Tory and local MPP Laurie Scott. Walker notes that tickets are still available. "We do not have confirmation from Minister of Health George Smitherman or [Toronto] Mayor David Miller, but we're hopeful," Walker said.

The spring newsletter is now available and producing book sales, donations and enquiries about foundation events. The next newsletter is planned for late summer or early fall.

Walker reminds everyone that proceeds from the book *Northern Belle* by Bob Popple will go to the Foundation. *Northern Belle* is an excellent account of the early history, art, nature and life of Ethel Curry. The book is available at the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton and at Whispers North in Minden.

The first donations from the vanLieshout Real Estate waterfront mailing have started to arrive at the Foundation office. A total of 10,380 were mailed out, thanks to Anthony vanLieshout. He is also presenting a Cottage Succession Planning seminar on Saturday, June 19 at the Delta Pinestone Resort from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with admission by donation to the Foundation.

The Foundation has 500 Acute Care Bears on order. They will soon be available at local stores for $20 each, with proceeds going to the foundation.

"There are so many exciting things happening with the Tranquility Trail I hardly know where to start," Walker told the Board. "Our community partners are fabulous. It just keeps growing with offers of cash, expertise and enthusiastic volunteers." She added that foundation representatives are meeting within a certified wetland evaluator to request a wetland evaluation and design plan for the boardwalk. "The advisory committee volunteers will be selling lots of neat treasures at the annual Trash and Treasure Sale along the walking path of Head Lake on Saturday, June 19th - early in the morning," Walker noted.

Walker said the Wigamog Inn Resort is "one of the many wonderful community donors." Wigamog provides a percentage of the profits from some of the events held at the resort. "They are always very supportive," she said.

Walker said the foundation's website – www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.htm – is a great source of marketing as well as information.

"We are presently looking at the possibility of funding for the Diabetes Education Network," Walker said. "This may take some time; however, we are very optimistic, as usual."

The Foundation has requested funding from the County of Haliburton from its reported $2-million surplus for 2003. "They have many budget pressures and we appreciate their continuing support in paying the interest for the capital loan," she said.

"Thanks to all of the groups, organizations, service clubs and individuals that hold events for the benefit of the foundation. There are many throughout the county," Walker said. "I have met so many interesting and wonderful people at these events and it is amazing how many hold our health care facilities close to their hearts. A lot of work goes into these events and we truly appreciate it."

The Haliburton Auxiliary is hosting its annual spring card party and luncheon on Friday, May 21 starting at noon at the Haliburton Legion.

The Minden Auxiliary is selling tickets on a hand carved duck donated by Gerald and Betty Hicks. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5. The draw will be held on July 1.

Dates to remember

Thursday, May 13 - Deck and Dock Dinner at the InterContinental Hotel, Avenue Road and Bloor Street, Toronto.

Thursday, July 22 - Rotary Charity Golf Classic at Delta Pinestone Resort.

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Walker said these events are very popular and tend to be sold out. To avoid disappointment, she suggests getting your tickets early.

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The joys of spring

The Messiah Choir's spring concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion on May 1 and 2 was a celebration of all things, good and bad, about this much-anticipated season. Birds, Bees and Blackflies was once again a crowd pleaser, directed by Melissa Stephens and featuring singers from across the county. At left is Minden resident Olllie Rome and Edith Burch.

Cost is keeping too many people away from the dentist: health unit

Few people enjoy going to the dentist.

But for approximately 5,000 people in Haliburton County – aobut one in three local residents – it's not fear that keeps them out of the dentist's chair, but the high cost of regular dental care.

Cost is a major reason why an estimated one-third of Ontario residents do not see a dentist. Dental care is not covered by government-run health insurance and only half of all Canadians enjoy some form of dental benefits through work.

"Access to dental care should be a right for all people, not a privilege for just a few with good benefits and the means to afford care," says Carol Moore-Collins, manager of the dental health program with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

It's this inequity that the Health Unit hopes to highlight over the coming year. April is Dental Health Month and Moore-Collins says it is the perfect opportunity to kick off a public education campaign about the number of people who do not have access to dental care and why it's essential that barriers to seeing the dentist are removed.

Those without access to dental care – many of them senior citizens, people on low incomes, First Nations residents and immigrants – are going without a basic service that can help them stay healthy, Moore-Collins says.

"Poor dental health doesn't stop at the teeth," she says. "It affects the whole body."

Dentists are often the front-line in the detection of oral cancers, Moore-Collins notes. Serious health problems such as diabetes, respiratory ailments, and premature and low-birth weight babies have been linked to poor dental health. Research has also tied in gum disease to heart disease and stroke.

People with poor dental health often lack self-esteem and the confidence to venture out to job interviews for better paying jobs. They may also be forced to take unpaid sick time from work due to the pain in their mouths, causing both financial hardship for themselves and lost productivity for their employers, she adds.

Moore-Collins and other Health Unit staff will be attending an Access to Dental Care forum in Toronto in mid-May. Participants from across Canada will discuss the issue and work towards sound solutions that ensure everyone gets the dental care they need. Moore-Collins hopes the forum is the first step to boosting access to dental care – both locally and across Canada.

"Band-Aid solutions won't do," she says. "We need a comprehensive approach to tackle this issue so everyone – no matter what their age or income – has the ability to get care and treatment for their teeth."

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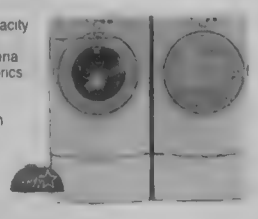

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Hyland Crest Family Council being formed

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

A group of local people is in the process of establishing a Hyland Crest and Highland Wood Family Council. Nine members have been recruited and Chair Katrina Shaddock said the council is hoping to expand that number to between 16 and 18.

In an attempt to recruit additional members, a special meeting of interested individuals will be held on May 19 in the Fireside Lounge at Hyland Crest. This meeting will be limited to people who are interested in serving on the council. It will be a "meet and greet" type of meeting with the opportunity to mingle with others who share an interest in serving on the Council. It will feature guest speakers from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services management team. Anyone interested in attending this meeting should contact Katrina Shaddock at 286-3334.

Shaddock said the council will act as an advocate of residents of the two facilities, and acting as a liaison between residents, management of the facilities, as well as government.

"We are hoping to get a good cross-section of people for the council," Shaddock said. Potential members should have some connection - family or friend - with a current or past resident of one of the facilities. Shaddock said anyone with an interest in serving on the council will be considered.

Mission statement

The Hyland Crest/Highland Wood Family Council, composed of families and friends of residents, serves as a support group and liaison with residents, their families and staff. It is dedicated to the promotion and improvement of quality living for all residents.

The goal is to assist in facilitating and enhancing communication between residents, families and staff.

The objectives include being available to support new residents and their families after admission; promoting a team approach to serving residents through an atmosphere of co-operative communication with Residents' Council and administration; providing an information brochure for residents and their families, outlining the Council's purpose and function; and including pertinent information in the facilities' newsletters.

Katrina Shaddock is the chair of the newly-formed Hyland Crest/Highland Wood Family Council.

Advocacy for residents is another long-term goal. General concerns of residents will be addressed. The Council will become familiar with community resources.

The Council will provide residents and their families with a means of mutual support, and assist in educating family members.

Educational objectives include keeping current with and understanding legislative changes, participating in pertinent educational opportunities and sharing information.

Benefits

The council will benefit families through orientation, support and information; providing ongoing mutual support/strength drawn from mutually shared experiences; providing education and information related to the long-term care system; and acting as a means to express concerns.

Residents will benefit because the council will relay family input into decisions and changes. It will support family and resident activities and support residents where family or friends are not present.

The facilities will benefit through two-way communication between the staff and families and by providing a voice on behalf of families and residents regarding problem solving.

Kinmount supports skateboard park

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Support for a skateboard park in Kinmount continues to grow. To date, three meetings have been held at the old Somerville Township office, and each meeting has seen an increase in numbers of attendees. The April meeting was standing room only, with 45 people attending.

Lynn Kilby, one of the organizers, said response from the community for the proposed Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park has been great. Numerous letters of support have been received. The group has also sent out 60 letters to area businesses and to date about half have replied.

Attendance at the latest organizational meeting had a good cross sectiton of the community, with exceptional representation from area youth. "We had 24 kids and 21 adults at the last meeting," Kilby said. She noted that many of the same people have attended all three meetings, but each one attracts some new faces.

The committee is preparing a formal proposal for the City of Kawartha Lakes, outlining such things as safety and recreational opportunities for young people and the value such a park will add to the community, among others.

City of Kawartha Lakes councillor John Huke is supporting the project, both politically and personally.

A user survey has also been distributed, asking potential users of the facility what types of equipment they would like to have included.

On the fund-raising front, the committee has taken advantage of the Armorall program to plan a car wash and barbecue on May 29 in downtown Kinmount - in the parking lot across from the Kinmount Independent Grocers.

The project is expected to cost about $20,000, including a 40 by 80-foot asphalt pad.

"We haven't nailed down a location yet," Kilby said. "But there are lots of options.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the old Somerville Township office. Meetings are the third Monday of every month at the same location.

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This group of friends has been walking together everyday for eight years. Now they have put on purple outfits and bright red hats to celebrate their friendship and their light-hearted take on life. From left: Annelies Blaser, Christine Wereszczakowski, Pat Walton, Louise Docherty, Audrey Northey, Yvonne Noble, Pat Ogden, Margaret Albers, Ethel Robinson, Donna Neely, and Joan Featherstone. They'll be making their first public appearance at the May 7 Sneaker Day festivities.

Spring blooms with a red bouquet of hats

by **IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI**
Times staff

A group of friends in Minden are finally showing their true colours.

After eight years of friendship, which involved walking together every day and having coffee at the Village Chalet, the group has decided to spice things up.

Decked out in bright purple outfits and flamboyant red hats, the Minden residents decided to become the newest members of the Red Hat Society.

Calling their local chapter the Scarlets O'Minden, the group has every bit of energy and fun-loving attitude required to be members of this women-only group.

Quickly becoming known as the new women's movement, the Red Hat Society has only one rule of conduct: have a good time.

And these local women are ready to do just that.

"We are all friends, we are all elderly, and we are all ready to have fun," said the group's founder Pat Walton.

The Red Hat Society began in Fullerton, California, in the spring of 1998, with a group of women led by Sue Ellen Cooper. The women met each afternoon for a cup of tea and, to celebrate their love of life, decided to wear big bright hats.

Word of their outrageous new group spread.

Today, an estimated 400,000 members in 21 countries come together as the Red Hatters.

The new Minden Hills chapter is one of more than 20,000 chapters that have already been formed.

"This growing organization of women is united under the umbrella of a Red Hat to have fun and bond in sisterhood as they travel through the aging process together," the society's official website says.

Pat Walton couldn't agree more.

As the official Queen mom of the Scarlets O'Minden, she knows the comfort that can come from the friendship and support of other women.

She says that chapters are kept to a maximum of 20 members because it is easier to manage smaller groups.

"It's better for making reservations at restaurants or, in our case, for getting together in each other's homes," she said.

The group, made up mainly of women 50 and over, plans to meet once a week at someone's home to socialize.

The purple clothes and big red hats that have become a trademark of the society are not mandatory, Walton says, because the society has no rules.

"It's all about supporting each other."

Women under 50 may join as well, but they are then known as pink hatters and wear lavender, instead of purple, clothing.

Although the Minden chapter is now closed to new members, Walton encourages other women who are interested to begin their own chapter.

"We can help them get started," she said. "A lot of women here need support from each other."

The Red Hatters of Minden will make their debut during Sneaker Day.

"We want to let people know we are out there," Walton said. "And we want to get out and have fun."

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Pine Springs

Why it has been declared Provincially Significant Wetland

story by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
photos by DARREN LUM
Times staff

After months of rigorous studies administered by Ducks Unlimited, a nonprofit wetland conservation organization, the Pine Springs wetland was stamped as "Provincially Significant" by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

It is one of only four wetlands in the Haliburton Highlands to gain this status.

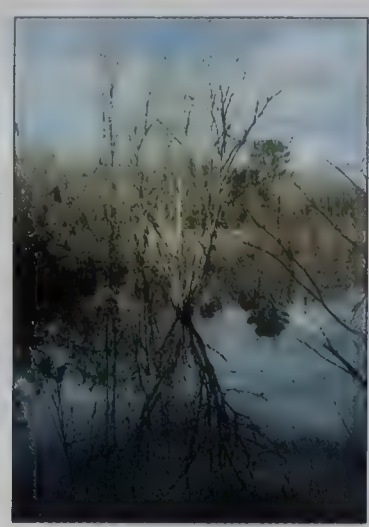
Exciting news, indeed. But in a region surrounded by approximately16,000 marshes and swamps, what makes this particular wetland so special?

Paul Heaven, a local wildlife biologist and the man responsible for the report, helps us gain some perspective on this curious patch of land.

Four categories, each worth 250 points, make up the scoring system for the fieldwork: hydrology, biology, social features, and special features.

To be declared provincially significant, an area must score over 600 on a scale of 1,000 or at least 200 in the special features category.

Seventeen individual wetland units make up what is known as the Pine Springs wetland. After evaluating them as one unit, the wetland received a score of 729.



HYDROLOGY: In this category, biologists take a look at how water works in the system. One major component is water retention. By nature, wetlands function as a natural sponge, collecting and storing excess water during the spring runoff or times of heavy rain.

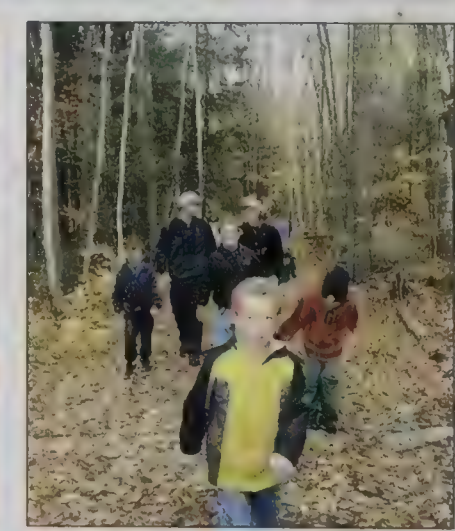
SCORE: 195

Pine Springs scored high in this category because it provides 100 per cent of the flood prevention for that area.

BIOLOGY: This category takes a look at the biomass and biodiversity of the wetland, such as diversity of habitat and diversity of species. A wetland that has greater diversity of habitat will provide a home for more species of plants and animals.

SCORE: 144

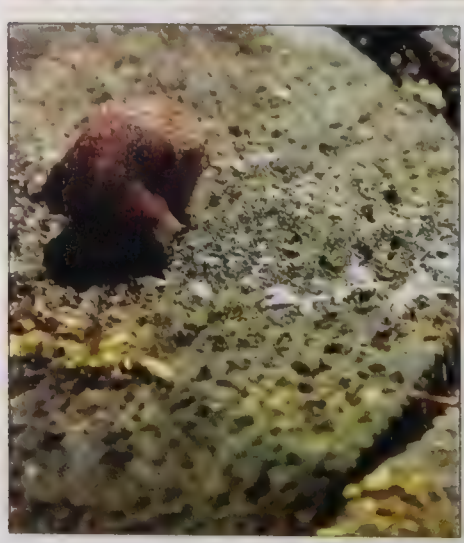
Pine Springs is a mix of marsh, sand, and swamp, which is quite common for the area. It contains floating plants such as cattails, and animals such as moose, white tail deer and porcupines. The wetland contains no bogs, which usually exist in more northern regions of Ontario.



SOCIAL FEATURES: A large aspect of wetland significance is determining how it is used by humans. This category looks at social factors such as fishing, hunting and recreation. It also takes into account the educational value of the area. Other factors such as lumber use and aesthetics are also important to this category. For this evaluation, aboriginal groups are contacted for input.

SCORE: 152

One part of the score for Pine Springs in the social features category comes from its use as an educational resource for the Leslie Frost Centre. But the area also got high marks because of public awareness and research study conducted in the wetlands. It is also a prime spot for recreational activities, such as hunting fishing, and hiking. Points were added because the land is publicly owned.



SPECIAL FEATURES: The most important category in determining wetland significance, special features looks at the rarity of the wetland and the species it contains. Questions often asked are: Does this wetland serve as a stop in the migratory stopover for songbirds? Does it provide winter cover for species? Do federally, provincially, or regionally significant species make this wetland their home?

SCORE: 238

Scoring this high in the special features category is enough to make Pine Springs provincially significant. The wetland is home to several regionally significant species and one provincially significant species. It also serves as winter cover for animals like deer and moose and its type of trees can be used as cover by all types of wildlife.

What does it all mean?

Once a wetland is declared provincially significant, it is protected by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Under MNR guidelines, any development in the wetland or within 120 metres of the wetland has to undergo an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Development will only be permitted if the EIA states that the development will have no negative environmental impact on the site.

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Joe Cox earns James Worrall Athlete Award worth $500

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

A talent for bowling and a dedication to helping others improve their bowling skills has earned 17-year-old Joe Cox of Minden a James Worrall Athlete Development Award. The $500 award is presented annually to developing young athletes in Ontario amateur sport.

Cox received the news recently from Guy Bradbury, general manager/chief operating officer of Sport Alliance of Ontario. Bradbury notified Cox on behalf of the Sport Alliance of Ontario and the Provincial Sport Organizations Council. A special presentation will be made at a luncheon in Markham tomorrow (Saturday, May 8).

Cox is a member of the Youth Bowling Council at Minden Hills Lanes in Minden. He bowls in the YBC Senior division Wednesday evenings and with his mom, Debbie Cox, in the Monday Night Mixed League.

Joe has attended the five-day bowling camp in Hamilton the past two summers, where he learned from members of Ontario's master bowlers. In competition this year, Joe maintained a 212 average, rolling a high single of 390 and an 848 triple.

When he was at camp last July, he picked up an application for the James Worrall Award. Part of the qualification process was to write an essay about why he felt he qualified for the award. He outlined his desire to learn the sport and to pass that knowledge on to younger bowlers.

Debbie Cox says Joe's talent and enthusiasm for the sport and his willingness to help share the skills and fun of the sport are responsible for him winning the award. "I'm thrilled," she said. "I'm very proud of him."

Joe plans to set aside the money for the bowling camp this coming July.

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Joe Cox of Minden will use his award to attend bowling camp this summer

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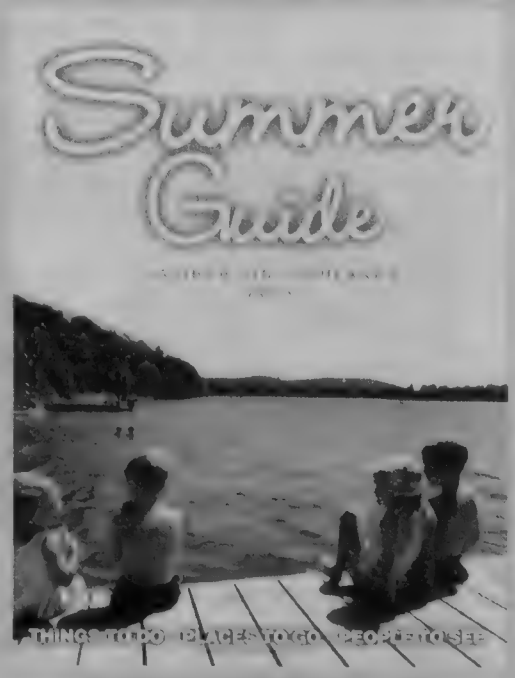

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Third series winners: The third series victors were, left to right: Doug Vaughan, Vern Stout, Robert Terro, Cliffe Davidson, Shirley Milne and Tilly Grosschadl.

Bowling news

Thursday Afternoon League celebrates successful season

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The bowling season has come to an end for another season at Carnarvon Bowling Lanes.

The Wednesday Afternoon League had another very successful year and to commemmorate the year's fun and competition the league held its annual awards ceremonies and banquet at the Pepper Mill Wednesday, May 5.

Diane Boll's team took top team honours as well as first place in the first series. Her team included Janet McGrath, Irene Vaughan, Ken Thompson, John Whitty and Norma Terro.

First place in the second series went to the team captained by Avard Edwards. His team included Ian Comrie, Syd Lockhart, Bev Hunt, Rudy Grosschadl and Jerry Warren.

Winner of the third series was the team of Doug Vaughan (Captain), Vern Stout, Robert Terro, Cliffe Davidson, Shirley Milne and Tilly Grosschadl.

The A Team playoff winners were Diane Boll's team. The B Team playoff winners were Myra Marshall, Fred Phipps, Solveg Stout, John Platt, Bill Trapp and Willie Tiber.

Individual honours

High Average for the men went to Ken Thompson with 208.

High average for the ladies was won by Jean Pugh with 176.

The high single for the men was 348, by John Whitty and Solveg Stout had the high single for the ladies, 245.

The high single with handicap honours went to Fred Phipps (336) for the men and Norma Terro (301) for the ladies.

Avard Edwards notched the high triple for the men (672) and Shirley Milne had the high triple for the ladies (590).

The high triple with handicap for the men was 791, by Bill Trapp and the high triple with handicap honours for the ladies went to Janet McGrath (772).

Most improved player honours were shared by Tilly Grosschadl and Betty Ablett, both with +38.

This season marked the best ever for perfect attendance with 21 of the 36 bowlers taking part every week. They were: Diane Boll, Irene Vaughan, Doug Vaughan, Ken Thompson, John Whitty, Jean Pugh, John Pugh, Betty Ablett, Avard Edwards, Ian Comrie, Syd Lockhart, Cathy Hunt, Bev Hunt, Marg Scheppers, Solveg Stout, Vern Stout, Willie Tiber, Robert Terro, Cliffe Davidson, Shirley Milne and Tilly Grosschadl.

Thursday Carnarvon bowling

Thursday Afternoon League April 29

High average: Alf Briscoe 201; Shirley Webb 177

High single: Alf Briscoe 243; Betty Henderson 209

High single (handicap):Doug Burtch 277; Betty Henderson 261

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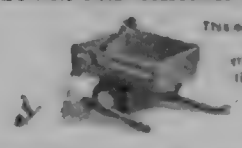

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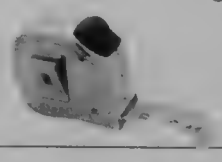

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Mike Thomson

Student exhibit is 'striking'

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery has been invaded.

More than 250 pieces of artwork, done mainly by students of Archie Stouffer Elementary School, are on display at the gallery this month.

Dinosaurs, flowers, birds, and even a few very good replicas of Van Gogh's famous Starry Night grace the walls for the first-ever Youth Art Exhibit.

Nearly 50 people, both young and old, came out to see the display on the first day alone.

Laurie Carmount, the gallery administrator, said that the exhibit really shows what the gallery can do for the community.

"That's the role of the gallery," she said. "To provide a connection with the community."

Also on display for the exhibit are artwork done through a student drawing and mentor workshop put on by the gallery.

Nine students from Grades 6 through 8 attended specially designed workshops with Charles O'Neil for five after school sessions. They learned the basics of drawing and the techniques required for all artwork.

Students created an original drawing and were then paired up with a local artist to work on a piece based on the drawing.

The results are striking.

"It really illustrates how effective and beneficial the programming is with these kids," Carmount said.

Mackenzie Robinson couldn't agree more. He worked with clay to create a replica of his cat drawing and now is proud to have it on display.

"When I signed up for this workshop, I knew I wanted to sculpt it," he said.

Other students from the mentorship program had only positive things to say.

"I would recommend this workshop because it gave me a whole different way of looking at art and the things that I can draw," Emily Packer wrote on her evaluation card. Having worked with Cindy Vellinga, Emily created an original stained glass panel that incorporated her drawing of Hazel, a turtle she had rescued.

Nicky Aitken, who worked with John Lennard, hopes to be part of the workshop again next year.

"I thought going outside and drawing was the best because I like drawing what I see in front of me," Nicky wrote.

Their creations will be on display at the gallery until May 30.

The gallery also has new hours of operation. Closed Monday and Tuesday, the gallery is now open on Sundays from 12 to 4 and Wednesday to Saturday from 10 to 5.

An interested student admires the Youth Art Exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for. These original pieces were made as part of a mentorship program with local artists.

Gallery offers series of workshops

These Youth Workshops are being offered at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

The ARTDay! Saturday workshops are in 11 sessions grouped four per month. Sign-up is for a month at a time for children between the ages of 7-15 yrs.

Cost: Family Member $86.; Non-Member $95. Fee includes supplies.

The following are the grouped sessions:

Session 1:

May 8: Figurative Drawing - Charles O'Neil. Basic concepts of drawing people in pencil addressing proportion, structure and shading.

May 15: Action Figures. Creating and colouring action figures

May 22: Masks - Fay Wilkenson. An exciting chance to showcase your talent when you create your own character mask and write a story to go with it.

May 29: Masks & Myths - Fay Wilkenson. After some fun games and practice, you'll tell your stories in mask for us all to enjoy!

Session 2

June 5: Basic Printmaking

June 12: Drawing Landscape - Charles O'Neil. Covers basic concepts of contrast, lighting, shading and dimensions

June 19: Drawing Animals

June 26: Photography - Lori Roberts. Children are encouraged to bring a camera but if one is not available a disposable will be supplied as will film. Basic concepts of camera function and composition are taught as the group wanders the Centre's grounds taking photos.

Registration

Phone the gallery at 286-3763 to sign-up your child/children for one or two months of sessions. Sessions are limited to 15 children. Payment is required at the first session. Please Note: Workshops may change and month sessions cancelled if numbers of participants is too low.

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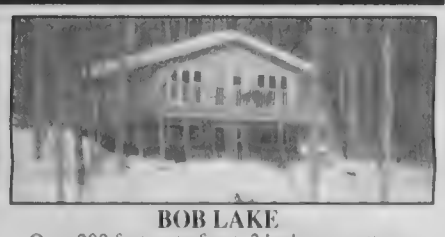

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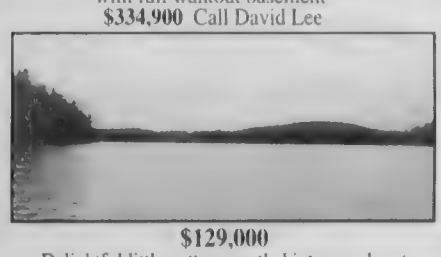

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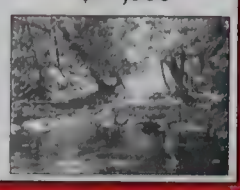

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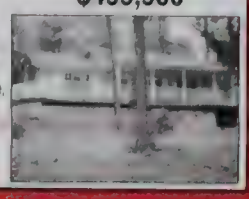

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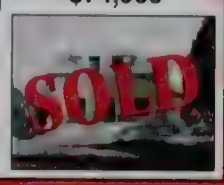

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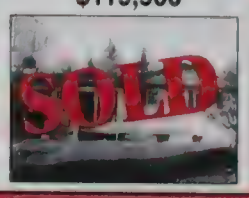

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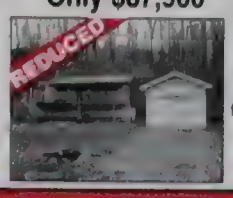

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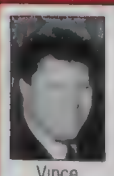

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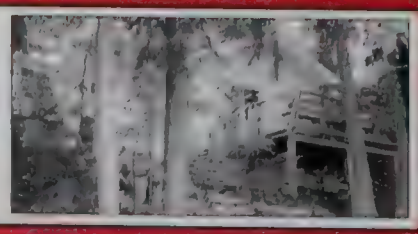

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With the weather shifting the way it has the last couple of days, it makes me wonder if summer is ever coming. Snow in May! Unbelievable! Well, hopefully Mother Nature has some good weather in store for us as we bring in summer with gardens, BBQs and garage sales.

If you haven't already booked your space for the 2nd Annual Stanhope Community Garage Sale and BBQ on May 22, there is no better time than the present. We need vendors who will sell their garage sale items; tables are only $5 and the rest of your profit is yours. Last year all of our vendors sold out, this year it could be your junk that's gone!

The community garage sale takes place under the picnic shelter on North Shore Road behind the Stanhope Firefighters Hall and runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until vendors are sold out. The Stanhope recreation committee will be BBQing some yummy sausage on a bun. Drop by for bargain shopping and a BBQ. Proceeds from this event go towards recreation for the Stanhope community.

Every once in a while we run into that person we haven't seen since high school or the best teacher we ever had. In the Haliburton Highlands it doesn't matter where you live(d), everyone around probably has some connection to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. A great group of former and current students of HHSS has organized the HHSS 50th anniversary high school reunion. The reunion runs May 14, 15 and 16.

Drop by the high school to see pictures from the past and Hal High memorabilia, then on Saturday come join your old high school buddies for dinner and a dance. If you have any pictures or memorabilia that you would like to submit for show or need more information on the reunion festivities call Joan Chapple at 705-489-2755 or e-mail her at j.chapple@sympatico.ca.

As the starting date for MANDATORY RECYCLING in Algonquin Highlands draws near (June 1st), we suggest that everyone begin to think about how best to organize their garbage. Getting into a recycling routine now will make things simpler when mandatory policies come into place. The community should be taking steps at home or at their businesses to start sorting their waste. By taking time to organize a routine now, landfill attendants will also be able to practise their part in the mandatory recycling by-law.

The best way to sort your garbage is to have blue boxes or similar containers for your two recycling streams (fibres/paper products and containers- cans, plastic and glass) and a clear bag or open container for your household garbage. This will make it very quick and easy for the attendant to ensure that everything is going in the correct place.

Remember, your landfill attendant is only the messenger carrying out the directives of the provincial government and the resulting local regulations. So PLEASE! Don't shoot the messenger! This is a very difficult job and the landfill attendant needs all the help and cooperation possible to make sure everyone is following the rules.

Blue boxes are on sale at both township offices for only $5 each. This is a one-time purchase that has life-long effects on our landfill sites. If you do not choose to buy a blue box, any storage container will do. If you need information on recycling, information sheets are available at each landfill site and also at the township offices.

Hurray for Play! The Stanhope Recreation Committee has taken some very hard-earned fund-raiser money and provided more playground equipment for the Stanhope Playground behind the library on North Shore Rd. So if you are in the area and get a chance to stop by, check things out and let us know what you think about the committee's new investment by e-mailing stanhope_rec@hotmail.com .

The new playground equipment includes a digger, tunnel, climbing wall and wheelchair accessible swing. We hope that these pieces of equipment are well used and taken care of by the community. We would like to thank the Stanhope Roads and labour department for taking the time to install the playground equipment to make it safe for everyone in the community, we appreciate your hard dedicated work.

If you have any interesting news, comments on topics in this column or you know of something that is going on in Stanhope that people will want to know about, e-mail me at alisha_stevens20@hotmail.com or call 705-489-4196. Don't forget to do your part to keep Stanhope a beautiful place. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

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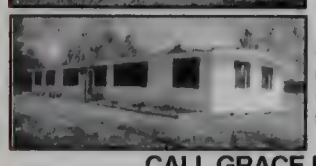
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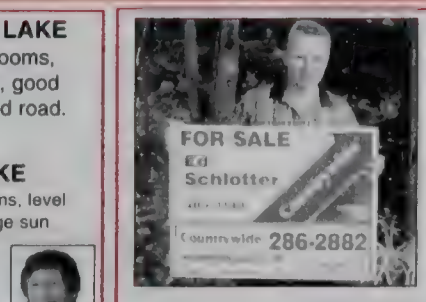

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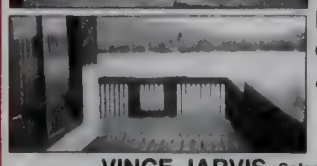
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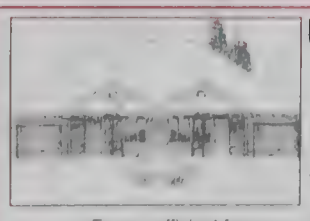
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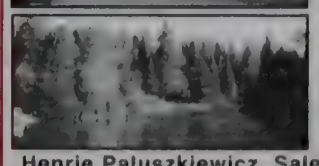
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WEDNESDAY MAY 12

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	1 vs 2
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	5 vs 6
DIAMOND 3	6;45	3 vs 4
DIAMOND 4	6:45	7 vs 8
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	9 vs 10
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	11 vs 12
FRIDAY, MAY 14	7:00	13 vs 14

WEDNESDAY MAY 19

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	12 vs 14
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	1 vs 3
DIAMOND 3	6;45	2 vs 4
DIAMOND 4	6:45	5 vs 8
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	6 vs 7
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	11 vs 13
FRIDAY, MAY 21	7:00	10 vs 9

WEDNESDAY MAY 26

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	13 vs 8
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	5 vs 7
DIAMOND 3	6;45	9 vs 4
DIAMOND 4	6:45	2 vs 3
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	6 vs 14
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	10 vs 1
FRIDAY, MAY 28	7:00	11 vs 12

WEDNESDAY JUNE 2

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	4 vs 10
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	2 vs 6
DIAMOND 3	6;45	11 vs 14
DIAMOND 4	6:45	12 vs 13
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	3 vs 9
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	1 vs 5
FRIDAY, JUNE 4	7:00	7 vs 8

WEDNESDAY JUNE 9

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	4 vs 14
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	1 vs 12
DIAMOND 3	6;45	9 vs 13
DIAMOND 4	6:45	2 vs 8
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	7 vs 11
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	3 vs 10
FRIDAY, JUNE 11	7:00	6 vs 5

WEDNESDAY JUNE 16

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	1 vs 14
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	8 vs 9
DIAMOND 3	6;45	7 vs 10
DIAMOND 4	6:45	6 vs 11
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	5 vs 12
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	2 vs 13
FRIDAY, JUNE 18	7:00	4 vs 3

WEDNESDAY JUNE 23

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	5 vs 11
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	6 vs 10
DIAMOND 3	6;45	8 vs 12
DIAMOND 4	6:45	7 vs 9
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	4 vs 13
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	3 vs 14
FRIDAY, JUNE 25	7:00	1 vs 2

WEDNESDAY JUNE 30

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	7 vs 12
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	4 vs 11
DIAMOND 3	6;45	2 vs 5
DIAMOND 4	6:45	9 vs 14
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	3 vs 8
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	1 vs 6
FRIDAY, JULY 2	7:00	1 vs 13

WEDNESDAY JULY 7

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	13 vs 11
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	6 vs 4
DIAMOND 3	6;45	7 vs 1
DIAMOND 4	6:45	3 vs 5
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	10 vs 8
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	9 vs 2
FRIDAY, JULY 9	7:00	14 vs 12

WEDNESDAY JULY 14

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	6 vs 3
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	4 vs 12
DIAMOND 3	6;45	14 vs 5
DIAMOND 4	6:45	10 vs 13
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	7 vs 2
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	8 vs 1
FRIDAY, JULY 16	7:00	9 vs 11

WEDNESDAY JULY 21

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	2 vs 10
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	14 vs 12
DIAMOND 3	6;45	13 vs 3
DIAMOND 4	6:45	5 vs 4
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	1 vs 9
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	1 vs 8
FRIDAY, JULY 23	7:00	6 vs 7

WEDNESDAY JULY 28

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	13 vs 5
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	9 vs 12
DIAMOND 3	6;45	6 vs 8
DIAMOND 4	6:45	1 vs 11
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	1 vs 14
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	3 vs 7
FRIDAY, JULY 30	7:00	4 vs 2

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	9 vs 10
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	14 vs 8
DIAMOND 3	6;45	11 vs 2
DIAMOND 4	6:45	12 vs 6
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	13 vs 1
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	7 vs 4
FRIDAY, AUG. 6	7:00	3 vs 5

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	3 vs 11
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	13 vs 7
DIAMOND 3	6;45	12 vs 2
DIAMOND 4	6:45	14 vs 4
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	5 vs 10
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	6 vs 9
FRIDAY, AUG. 13	7:00	8 vs 1

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	2 vs 14
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	5 vs 9
DIAMOND 3	6;45	1 vs 10
DIAMOND 4	6:45	6 vs 13
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	3 vs 12
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	8 vs 4
FRIDAY, AUG. 20	7:00	1 vs 7

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	9 vs 8
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	6 vs 3
DIAMOND 3	6;45	11 vs 10
DIAMOND 4	6:45	1 vs 7
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	4 vs 5
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	2 vs 14
FRIDAY, AUG. 27	7:00	13 vs 12

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 1

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	5 vs 7
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	6 vs 8
DIAMOND 3	6;45	1 vs 3
DIAMOND 4	6:45	9 vs 11
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	2 vs 4
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	1 vs 13
FRIDAY, SEPT. 3	7:00	1 vs 14

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 8

NEW DIAMOND	6:45	2 vs 3
OLD DIAMOND	6:45	1 vs 4
DIAMOND 3	6;45	8 vs 10
DIAMOND 4	6:45	6 vs 14
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	7 vs 12
OLD DIAMOND	8:15	13 vs 11
FRIDAY, SEPT. 10	7:00	5 vs 9

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 15

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OLD DIAMOND	6:45	3 vs 13
DIAMOND 3	6;45	1 vs 7
DIAMOND 4	6:45	5 vs 10
NEW DIAMOND	8:15	4 vs 11
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 17	7:00	6 vs 8

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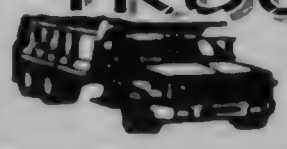
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AROUNDTHETOWN

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To continue spinning last week's yarn, yesterday's mail brought the May issue of *Report on Living* compliments of our Minden V & S store. According to a feature article, Julia Roberts, Julianne Moore and even macho Australian Russell Crowe have more in common than Oscar nominations - knitting. To quote "Knitting, a centuries-old hobby once equated only with grandmas, is totally hot." Since the mid 1990s, the article estimates, at least four million new knitters, mostly young, have taken up the challenge. Described as a great way to relax because of its meditative repetitions, warm tactile feedback and appeal to multi-taskers en route to the office or watching TV knitting has been branded "the new yoga". Personally it continues to be a great relief that the knitter doesn't have to assume the full lotus position to benefit.

Kinmount United Church is sponsoring a hot and cold buffet at the Legion Hall in Kinmount on Sat., May 22 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

The Kinmount Model Railroad Club is pleased to announce that members of the Maple Leaf Morse Telegraph Club will be at the Kinmount Railway Station demonstrating to visitors on the following dates: May 22, June 26, July 31, August 28 and September 25.

The popular Saturday Farmers' Market will open for the season on May 22 at two locations. The Minden Market will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at McMahon Feed 'N Harness, and the Kinmount Market will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the corner of C.R. 121/45 West. Vendors will be offering a variety of items for sale including plants, herbs, preserves, maple syrup and honey. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor should contact Liz Case at 488- 1307 for details.

Bookings are now being accepted for the next bus trip to Casino Rama with the Kinmount Seniors on Thursday, June 3rd leaving from the Legion at 9:15 a.m. The $4 cost includes lunch. Call Mildred at 488-2728.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Wednesday, April 28 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots galore landed on Don Burch, Mary Pearson, Olive Jones, Lottie Ruttan, Rob Evans, Pat Scadden, Len Kroes, Alf Whyman, Sandy Poulton, Jack Cox and Charlie Richardson who had two. Leading the pinks was June Branning at 310 followed by Edith Burch 291 and Lottie Ruttan 279. Top spot for the white cards went to Donna Fink 290 with Rob Evans 281 second and Helen Henderson 278 third.

Wednesday, April 28 Kinmount Seniors euchre: High scores ladies/men were recorded by Joanne Freeman and Truman McNeil while the lows were a family affair going to Pauline and Frank Franzen. Theresa Deak held the most lone hands and Bill St. Thomas won the draw.

Wednesday, April 28 duplicate bridge at Parklane: Playing the Howell system it was Don Mills and Bill Sandford first at 65%, Margo Davidson and Doug McIntosh second at 62% and Muriel McIntosh partnered with our bridge correspondent Ross Fletcher third at 59%.

Thursday, April 29 euchre at the Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Barb Callaghan for the ladies and Garth Windsor for the gents. High score honours went to Helen Windsor and Laura Carnegie while Maria Tschida and Mike Pillar tallied up the lows.

Other prizes were won by Bob Pollard, Helen Luffman, Helen Windsor and double lucky Bill Van Dyke. Thanks to May Bradbury for this update.

Friday, April 30 euchre at Staanworth Court: Elaine Yeo was the winner for lone hands and Doreen Francis for low hands while Hazel Dorman took both high hands and the evening's draw prize.

Friday, April 30 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: Using the Howell system it was Margo Davidson and Stella McMillan first at 62%, Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher second at 59% and Muriel and Doug McIntosh third at 58%.

Friday, April 30 bid euchre at Club 35: Cliff Davison and Jean Dutka captured the moonshots while Mary Pearson discovered the hidden score. Marj Richardson led the pinks at 274 followed by Jean Scadden 251 and Sharon Evans 232. The white card scores were closely grouped with Rob Evans 251 first then Cliff Davison 250 and Ray Sisson 249.

Saturday, May 1 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Moonshot trio members were Isobel Cherwenka, Helen Henderson and Marcel Roussel with Pearl Cowen, Jean Scadden and Gala Stamp winning the draws. Margaret Fletcher led the scoring at 293 with Helen Henderson 256 second and Isobel Cherwenka 255 third.

Monday, May 3 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Elva Paisley reports that Pat Roussel took top billing with Don Burch in second spot and Heather Cunningham third. Other prizes went to Rob Evans, Jamie Longfield and Gwen Cox.

Monday, May 3 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: High hand honours went to Lorna Bridgeman while Loyas Henderson took the prize for low hands. Pearl Cowen was a double winner holding the most lone hands and receiving the special prize. Good wishes are sent out to Georgina Deeks and Elda Henderson from their friends at the Terrace euchre.

Monday, May 3 euchre at St. Paul's Anglican Church: For most lone hands ladies/men it was Joyce Ritchie and Don Hicks. High scores were recorded by Laura Carnegie for the ladies and Verna McDonald representing the gents while Helen Cox uncovered the hidden score. The Club welcomed back Pat Millard who took the ladies low while Marion Stickwood had men's low. Bill Mosley and Fern Donnelly were the draw winners.

Monday, May 3 euchre at Club 35: Colleen Davison held the most lone hands with Marjorie Cowen winning the baloney. Eleanor Smith led the scoring for the ladies while Helen Windsor took the low score on a cut of the cards. David Lamb was high man and low man was Harold Smith.

Monday, May 3 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: In top spot was Kit Schroter with Kay Naylor second. Moonshots went to Marg Viney and Joan Taylor and Vic Ballik won the draw.

Tuesday, May 4 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: The high scoring trio were Pat Roussel 284, Thelma Francis 267 and Pat Scadden 264. Single moonshots went to Ida Young and Marj Richardson while Marcel Riussel and Don Burch each took two. The hidden score holders were Jean Scadden, Charlie Richardson and Gala Stamp.

Tuesday, May 4 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter reports that the high scores were a family affair going to Ralph and Eleanor Young. The evening's lows were by Don Hicks and Dale Ranson while Gala Stamp won for most lone hands and Theresa Deak took home the special draw prize.

Tuesday, May 4 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team was Syd Lockhart and Flo Roussel with 369 followed by Jim Meadows and Helen Skelding 349. Tied for third at 313 were Joan Meadows partnered with Laura Carnegie and Verna and Connie Sawyer. The afternoon's low score of 266 went to Cliff Davison teamed up with Belle Walker.

Tuesday, May 4 contract bridge at Stanhope: Harold Cox led the high scoring quartet at 7340 with Dorothy Strype 6350 second, Diane Boll 5010 third and Ray Moore 4530 fourth. Lucky draw winner Dorothy Thayer led the cheers for Harold Cox as he received the H.T.T.K. Award which translated stands for "Hail To The King."

City of KAWARTHA LAKES

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NORLAND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

The existing Norland Water Supply System acquires its raw water from the Gull River. The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) regulation for surface water supplies requires a combination of filtration and continuous disinfection before distribution to the community. The City of Kawartha Lakes has investigated the options of a well supply or a treated river supply. The groundwater investigation indicated there was an inadequate supply therefore the City is proposing to upgrade the existing Norland Water Supply System with a new filtration plant on the Gull River.

The Cityhas planned this project under Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process. The Environmental Study Report has been completed and by this Notice is being placed in the public record for review. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of necessary approvals, the City intends to proceed with construction of this project in the year 2004 at an estimated cost of $1,500,000.

The Environmental Study Report has been re-issued and is available for review at the following locations;

Lindsay Service Centre
180 Kent Street West
Lindsay, Ontario
Monday to Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm
Telephone: (705) 324-9411

Coboconk Service Centre
90 Grandy Road
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Telephone: (705) 454-3322

Further information may be obtained from the City's consultant; RAL Engineering Ltd. 17665 Leslie Street, Suite 47, Newmarket, ON L3Y 3E3.
Telephone: (905) 853-0626.
Attention Mr. Michael Galan, Project Engineer

Interested persons should provide written comment to the municipality on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to Donald Barkey, Supervisor, Water and Wastewater, Environmental Services, 50 Wolfe St., Lindsay, ON. K9V 2J2.

If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, a person may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below by 2nd June, 2004. A copy of the request must be sent to the Supervisor of Water and Wastewater Services at the City. If no request is received by 2nd June, 2004, the project will proceed to construction.

Minister of the Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue, 10th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

This Notice issued 3rd May, 2004.

Dan Lynch, Manager, Water & Wastewater

Public Notice

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that a Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 26th, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. Under the County Procedural By-law, there is not a requirement for Council to meet during the month of May, however it has been determined that there is sufficient regular business to warrant the scheduling of a meeting.

Tamara Williams, Acting Clerk
County of Haliburton

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS
IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

The Township of Minden Hills, Water and Sewer Department, is requesting applications from interested grade 12 secondary school students and college students for summer placement within the department. Employment is expected to commence on or about May 10th, 2004 and continue until the end of August of this year. Only those students proposing to return to school in September will be considered. Students with educational background in environment studies will also be considered. Rate of Pay: $9.00 / hr. for a 40 hr week. Applications are available at the Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

New librarian brings enthusiasm to Dorset branch

Along with the new titles available from the Haliburton County Public Library, Dorset area patrons will see a new face greeting them when they visit their local Branch. Ruth Lynch has enthusiastically taken over as the Branch Supervisor, with help from long-time Assistant Esther Fortney. The Dorset Branch hours are; Tuesday and Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday 2 - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Drop in this week to take advantage of the great book selection. Remember - there is always something new @ your library!

Participants in the Good Food Box program wishing to order a box of fresh fruits and vegetables for May must have their $15 in to Melissa at the Rec Centre by Monday, May 10 for delivery on Thursday, May 20. To participate (all welcome!) call 766-9968.

The Dorset Seniors Centre is holding their annual Spaghetti Supper and Auction on Tuesday, May 11 beginning at 5:30 p.m. All you can eat Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Tea and Coffee all for $6. Please bring your own dish and cutlery. Call Marg at 766-9632.

The Dorset Blooms (that wonderful group of green-thumbed people who beautify our village) will be holding a planning meeting on Thursday, May 13 at 7pm at the Dorset Rec Centre. Anyone wishing to be a working committee member for the 2004 season is welcome to come.

DORSETNEWS
Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
melalfano@hotmail.com

Spring has sprung and what better way to celebrate? How about getting outdoors and painting? Teacher Maggie Broda will be in Dorset on Saturday, May 15 (1 to 3:30 p.m.) to provide a Watercolour Workshop for all levels. Whether you want to rekindle an old desire or try something completely new, this workshop is for you. The cost is $25 for adults and $20 for children 8-13. Registration is required by calling the Dorset Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

Jim Poling Sr., well known local author of 'The Canoe' 'Tom Thomson: The Life and Mysterious Death of the Famous Canadian Painter', 'The Decoy' and 'Lights in Dark Forests' will be guest speaker at the next Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network breakfast. The breakfast will be held Saturday, May 15, at 9:00 a.m., in the Kinmount Room of the Delta Pinestone Resort. Reservations are essential. Please contact Marjorie Green at 286-2592 by Wednesday May 12. The cost is $13 for HHWEN members and $16 for non-members. 78 or e-mail at bpjohnson@sympatico.ca.

Need to get away from the black flies? Why not visit the annual Victoria Day Weekend Arts and Crafts Show at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A great show with local artisans displaying their goods, all of which are hand made by the vendors – no cheesy manufactured goods allowed here! For more information, contact the Rec Centre at 766-9968.

It's time to get your tickets for the 25th Annual DVFD Pig Roast!!! The date is Saturday, May 29 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Tickets are $25 each. Call Donna at 766-9253 for tickets. Tickets are already being ordered so don't miss out.

Birthday wishes for May 2 to 8 go out to Veronica Anderson, McKenzie Drinkwater, Craig Woods, Shallon Dukoff, Sue Schiedel, Jasmine Dukoff, Kayla Leslie, Mary Spielbergs, Bill Schiedel, Stan Cowal and Brady Anger. Have a great day!

NOTICES

Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE

Pursuant to Sections 251 and 291 respectively, of the Municipal Act R.S.O. 2001, as amended

NOTICE is hereby given that a

PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING
will be held
Friday, May 28 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

NOTICE is also provided that Council intends to adopt the

2004 BUDGET
at a regular meeting of Council to be held
Thursday, June 3, 2003 at 11:30 a.m.

The meetings will be held at the Municipal Council Chambers, 1123 North Shore Rd.

Gerald Bain
C.A.O./Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Algonquin Highlands
R.R. #2
Minden, ON
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(705) 489-2379

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS
IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 04-61
APPLICANT – BLAIR: Lee and Marie
RZ—04-02

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 04-61 on the 29th day of April, 2004 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, not later than the 27th day of May, 2004, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Note: If the last day of appeal falls on a holiday, appeals may be filed on the day following that is not a holiday.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on a portion of land, located in the geographic Township of Minden, at Part of Lot 31, Concession 9, from Hazard (HZ) Zone to Residential Limited Services (RLS) Zone.

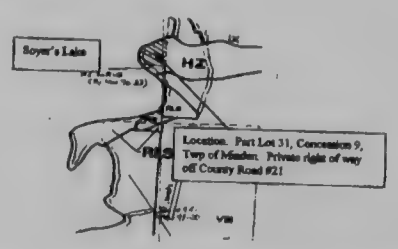
THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit a lot suitable for building purposes.

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map below.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at Minden Hills' satellite office, the former Lutterworth Municipal office, during regular office hours.

Ms. Elinor Burke, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator

May 7, 2004



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County of Haliburton

Interested parties are hereby invited to submit an expression of interest to participate on the **Rail Trail Management Committee.**

The Rail Trail Management Committee will have the mandate of overseeing the development of the Haliburton County Rail Trail from Kinmount to the Village of Haliburton. The Committee will be comprised of various stakeholder and citizen groups.

At this time, the County is seeking expressions of interest from adjacent land owners and non-motorized users. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest by May 19th, 2004 to:

Mr. Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager,
County of Haliburton Roads Department,
P.O. Box 880, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Or via email at rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca

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THE FAMILY OF the Andrew Bull would like to express their thanks to those who have been so thoughtful to send cards, food and phone calls, they were truly appreciated. A special thanks to Dr. Conway and the nurses at Haliburton Hospital for the compassion and care for Dad, Dwaine and Lori Lloyd and staff of Haliburton Funeral Home and the ladies of Lakeside Baptist Church for serving the luncheon. Your thoughts and kindness will always be remembered. **The Bull Family,**

460 OBITUARIES

ERIC GORDON STEARNS
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, April 29, 2004.
In his 78th year.

Beloved husband of Leitha, dear father of Michael, Michele, Jeannette, Cynthia, Derrick and step-father of Val, Debbie and Lorraine. Loving grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Eric served as an executive member of Royal Canadian Legion Branches 258, 42, 441 and 636 and also served as a Secretary Zone Commander of Zone D3. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (1–888–588–5777) on Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, May 3, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. Legion Service at the Funeral Home on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

460 OBITUARIES

JENNIFER MAY BENNETT
(nee Anderson)
Passed away suddenly at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre on Saturday, May 1, 2004.
At the age of 42.

Loving and caring wife of Ray Bennett of Minden. Loving daughter of June and Murray Ackley of Oshawa, Jim Anderson (predeceased), granddaughter of Audrey Trumbull and daughter-in-law of Beverley Bennett. Loving sister of Brian, Ron and Marlene, Carleen and Jeff, Cindy and Bill, Gail and Darryl, Cory and Darlene, predeceased by Peter and sister-in-law of Linda and Brent and Debbie Wade. Fondly remembered by Bradley Trumbull, Ellen Wambach and by nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (1–888–588–5777) on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Interment to follow at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Diabetes Association or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

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RUBY DELMA BIRD
(nee Ward)
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In her 88th year.

Beloved wife of the late Arvine Herbert Bird, dear mother of Jack and Mary of St. Catherines, Beau and Verna of Haliburton, Glen and Marie of Haliburton, Erma and Ron Dack of Torry Hill, Earl and Muriel of Halls Lake, Bob and the late Dianne of Haliburton, Linda and Lloyd Bull of Haliburton, Sherry and Dwight Dettman of Kinmount, Judy and Mark Taylor of Westmeath, predeceased by daughter-in-law Marylou. Loving grandmother of 23 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Harry and predeceased by Morley, Earl, Jim, William, Lillian, Ada and Thelma. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton for Funeral Service on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Interment at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Reception to follow at the church (downstairs). Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

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The Municipality further invites interested Haliburton County subcontractors to submit their names to the Township so that a register of subcontractors can be distributed to each General Contractor bidding the project. Please contact the Municipality prior to Friday, May 14, 2004 to be included in the register.

For further information please contact Duncan Ross Architect, Huntsville, Ontario at (705) 789-3036 or by fax at (705) 789-6439.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

what's happening in the Highlands

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- Join us for story time and crafts at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm 457-2241 or 457-1791.
- Every Wednesday: Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 am on Pine Street, in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- Storytime & crafts at the Wilberforce Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Tuesday evenings from 6:45-7:30pm. Pajamas welcome! 457-2241 or 448-2510.
- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & enjoy **Creative Women's Circle**, a Centre Program that takes place Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901.
- **Quilters Etc Club** meeting at Dorset Rec Centre on Fridays from 9-12pm. This is a "drop-in" for knitters, quilters & needle workers. Call Shirley-Anne (705) 766-2738 or Mildred 766-0335.
- **Every Monday** Home Support offers Contract Bridge beginning at 1 p.m. to seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults. Every Thursday join us for Bid Euchre beginning at 1 p.m. Every Friday join us for Cribbage beginning at 1p.m. Please call Ida for more info 457-2941.
- **Dorset TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter** meets at the Dorset Rec Centre every Monday at 8:30am for a weigh-in and meeting. All are welcome to join.
- **Family Services of Haliburton County** is in urgent need of volunteer respite workers, someone who can be a "buddy" & share your interests, with a child who has special needs in Tory Hill, Halls Lake, Haliburton, Donald, & Cardiff. Call Marilou @ Family Services 457-5345 ext 308.
- **Now Until May 28:** Walkers are welcome to use the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden 7:30am until 8:15am Mon-Fri. Call Moris Duff 286-6079.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM:** For women 50+ years, screening by appointment only on Thurs and Fri at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. 328-6175.
- **May 8, 29:** The Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library has storytime and crafts on the following Saturdays from 12noon to 12:45pm. Call 286-2491 or 457-2241
- **May 8:** Community Living kawatha Lakes - Fenelon Falls is hosting a K.U.R.E. (Kids Understanding Respect Everywhere) Reunion with guest speaker Patrick Worth, a renowned self-advocate. K.U.R.E. high school groups across the four counties of Haliburton, City of kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Northumberland promote inclusion and antidiscrimination. For further information conatact Bonnie Roe at 286-2414.
- **May 9:** Dunsford & District Lions Mother's Day Brunch. 10-2pm at Dunsford Community Centre.
- **May 10:** The YWCA of Peterborough Victoria Haliburton Women's Resource Centre will open to the public at its new location at 11 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. The new phone number is (705) 286-1942.
- **May 11, June 5:** Free Screening Clinics for Toddlers and pre-schoolers-Minden. At the Ontario Early Years Centre, Minden 1-3pm. Call 286-1770 to book appointment.
- **May 15:** Community Living kawatha Lakes - Lindsay bus trip to see the Blue jays vs Boston Red Sox. Contact Mike Perry at (705) 328-0464 for more information.
- **May 15:** Watercolour Workshop at the Dorset Rec Centre. Call for information 705-766-9688
- **May 17**: Alzheimer Society Support Groups: Minden 1-2:30pm Hyland Crest, Meeting Classroom. Contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator 457-8335.
- **May 17:** Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park, Kinmount will hold the next meeting at the former Somerville Township Office at 7:00 p.m.C'mon out and help get the wheels rolling!
- **May 18:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **May 19:** HHHS Family Council Meet & Greet General Meeting. All family members, friends and care-giving staff of residents of Hyland Crest and Highland Wood Senior Citizens' Home are invited. Guest speakers will be members of the HHHS Management Team. 6pm at Hyland crest in Minden, in the Fireplace Lounge.
- **May 20:** Ontario Early Years centre (Minden) Literacy Specialist Lois Robertson will be here from 10-11am to answer your questions and offer tips for reading success. 286-1770.
- **May 21:** Haliburton Highlands Auxiliary site will hold there Annual Card Party at Haliburton Legion and 12 noon. Lunch-bridge-euchure and prizes. Proceeds for washer disinfectors.
- **May 22:** Gigantic PENNY RAFFLE- Kids Games and Sale/Exhibit Tables at the Arena in Wilberforce. Drop your tickets in between 1-3pm and/or 5:30 - 7:30pm Raffle starts at 7:30, you must be present to win! Enjoy Dinner Too! Volunteer Community Police Association Roast Beef Dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce 5pm - 7pm Come out for dinner and enjoy the Penny Raffle at the arena too!
- **May 22:** Kinmount United Church is sponsoring a hot and cold buffet from4:00- 6:30pm.
- **May 27:** Fire Safety with Sparky and the firemen -Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) 11am.
- **May 27:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups: Haliburton 10am-Noon New group called "Caring with Confidence" being held at Haliburton Home Support Office. Please call 457-2941
- **May 27, June 17:** Free Screening Clinics for Toddlers and pre-schoolers-Haliburton. At the Ontario Early Years Centre, Minden 2-4pm. Call 457-2989 to book appointment.
- **May 29 & 30:** Receive wonderful holistic treatment at fundraiser Health Fair for Environment Haliburton at the Kinmount Community Centre, 9 am to 4 pm.
- **May 29:** Vendors wanted for Craft tables at Ridgewood Public School Fun Fair, Coboconk. 10am to 3pm. Contact Christine 454-8581 or Kim 454-8864
- **May 29:** Get on Board and support the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park at Armor All National Car Wash Day, downtown Kinmount, 9 am to 3 pm. All cars will be cleaned using quality Armor All products. Stop by at our BBQ while your car gets washed!!! Raindate for our car wash is Saturday, June 5/04.

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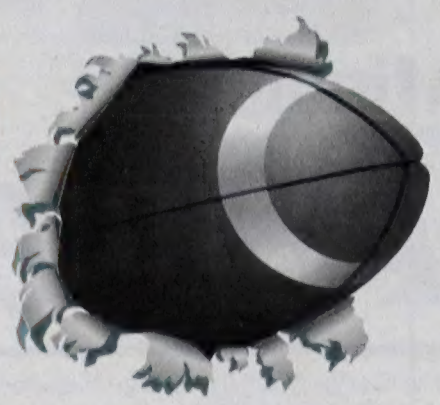

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